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# Polk County News

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## F. L. STEPHENS Up-To-Date Barber Shop

I take pleasure in announcing that I now have one of the most up-to-date and sanitary shops in the state and am prepared to serve the public in a satisfactory manner. Especial attention given to children's hair cuts.

Shave - 10c  
Hair Cut - 25c  
Child's Hair Cut - 25c

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Shop next door to Benton Bank

## Local and Personal News

Mrs. J. Harry Swan and son, J. H., were in Cleveland Saturday.

Norton, the youngest son of J. M. Lewis, is on the sick list this week.

Misses Margaret Ricks and Ella Porter Tilley, were in Cleveland Saturday.

W. S. Humphrey moved from the John Harbison residence Saturday to the old Clemmer home-stand.

John Gilbert of Ocoee, has become a member of the News family, having passed over the "kale" to the editor last Saturday.

The Ducktown Republican is authority for the statement that J. M. Center & Son have sold out their business at Ducktown and will retire from business.

Amos Fogleman, of near Benton Station, was numbered among the sick last week and this. His father, Rev. Fogleman, has been suffering with rheumatism also.

Harry Hicks, who has been living near Parksville, removed his family to this city Friday of last week and occupies the new cottage on Ocoee river pike recently erected by Rogers brothers.

Joe White, who recently returned from West Carrollton, Ohio, has moved into the A. S. Green cottage on the creek, vacated a few weeks ago by Mark Jones, the Singer sewing machine agent.

On Tuesday of last week, at London, mine, near Ducktown, Jim Henry Simonds was instantly killed and Isaac and Martin Simonds were dangerously injured by the premature explosion of sixteen shots of dynamite.

Mrs. Laura Lanning, of near Cedartown, Ga., is visiting friends in and around Benton. Mrs. Lanning is a native of Polk county. Her maiden name was Cox and she will be remembered by many who knew her in her girlhood days.

E. A. Clark, of Prendergast, R. 1, was a business visitor to Benton Saturday. Mr. Clark informed the News that his brother John, who is a member of an Athens company on the border, has been in the hospital since January 1, having been seriously injured by a horse. It seems that he was in a race and fell from his horse, the animal's foot striking him.

J. Harry Swan, Jr., has returned from Nashville.

County Court Clerk J. H. Center was in Cleveland the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Lewis of Athens, were in Benson last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. H. J. Love and her son, H. M. Jr., Mrs. J. Walter Hutchins and her daughter, Edith, were in Cleveland Saturday.

Miss Bessie Lewis, who has been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Emma True, of Prendergast, R. 1, has returned home.

Miss Vernie Lewis, who has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Maggie Bishop at Calhoun, has returned to Benton.

Dent True of Prendergast, R. 1, was here Saturday and reported that Mrs. True, who has been ill for some time, is doing nicely.

The mail contract from Benton to Benton Station changed hands today. Alfred Stinnett retiring and Geo. Bishop taking charge of the route again.

W. N. Morgan, truant officer, who lives at Servilla, was a caller at the News office Monday. He informed us that since the trial of a patron at Ducktown for not sending his children to school, the attendance had increased considerably.

C. M. Copeland, one of Polk's popular and prosperous farmers, who operates a rattling good farm near Benton, handed the editor a dollar bill Monday for a year's subscription to the News. Mr. Copeland is one of our best citizens, and while he has never married, he is not yet too old.

The Ducktown Republican says: Last Friday about 12:30 p. m., while John Locher and John Dyke were unloading electric light poles at McPherson, Locher was in some manner struck by one of them in the back of the head, crushing the skull. The force of the blow knocked him to the ground and the frontal bone was also crushed. The injured man was taken to the Copper Hill hospital and although at first it was thought there was no chance of recovery, he was reported as doing nicely, with a fair chance of getting well at last account. He is the son of John Locher, Sr., of Mascot.

## Bargains

BREAD ..... 6c  
CANNED APPLES, 3 cans for ..... 25c

Strictly Cash or Barter.  
NO GOODS SOLD ON CREDIT

\$1.00 a Bushel, in Trade, for  
SHELLED CORN

I always keep Fresh Meats, Canned Goods and a full line of Groceries, and I appreciate your patronage.

R. W. CLEMMER

### Yours For The Asking.

The News office has a bunch of 1917 almanacs sent by a patent medicine concern which will gladly be given out to the public, as they occupy space that could otherwise be profitably used. We think it is a good almanac and would no doubt be useful to the average household as a reference book.

It will tell you whether to plant your potatoes in the moon or in the ground; whether to set your hen in the morning or in a nest; whether to cut your pig's tail off when the sign is right, or leave it for the butcher to sell to some customer for 25 cents; when your dog barks, whether he has treed a possum or a bill collector; whether it is proper to kill book and picture agents during the closed game season; whether it is more proper for a young lady, when proposed to, to say in a cream chocolate voice, "This is so sudden," or grab the man and say, "Betcher life;" whether you will get more real enjoyment out of a good, fat bank account than a game of poker, and hundreds of other things worth knowing.

Don't be bashful; just come and ask for one, and you could do no better than at the same time, to subscribe for the best local paper in Polk county.

Subscribe for the News today.

J. T. Shinlever of Etowah, is in town doing some tin work for A. E. Love and Chas. E. Taylor.

Rogers Brothers are having a number of houses finished in the Clemmer addition, or Rogersville. These houses are for rent.

J. B. Lea moved Monday from the house on the place of B. B. C. Witt, into the house of Uncle Henry Grubb near Benton Station.

Wesley Womble of Turtletown, who has been in High school here, has gone home and will not return for the remainder of the term.

Deputy Sheriff K. D. Bonds has returned from Etowah, Ga., where he has been attending the bedside of his mother, who has been quite sick for some time. Mr. Bonds reports that his mother's condition was not improved when he returned.

### Alfred's Mathematical Mare

After all, any horse is a problem, and to find out what you want to know about him you must figure.

Alfred Stinnett, our efficient and genial mail carrier, had his "mathematical" mare.

Friday morning, hooked up to a spring wagon. The reason she is known as a "mathematical" mare is because it takes a great deal of figuring to find out just what she has on her mind.

But figures don't lie and the result of the figuring Friday, when a crowd was attracted to the scene of action on the square, was that said mare could travel backwards much more rapidly than forwards, and, in defiance of all laws of nature, that was the only way "Betsy Ann" would travel.

So, when Mr. Stinnett desires to go west, he merely heads the mare east, and if his fancy dictates a northern route he heads her south, or in any opposite direction to that in which he desires to travel. Just what speed she will be able to attain has not been definitely ascertained, but it is thought that a speedometer, properly placed, will effectually settle this question.

Aside from being very unique, in a way, this "mathematical" mare is a money saver, inasmuch as it will never be necessary for Mr. Stinnett to buy a blind bridle for her.

Mrs. George Snamblin, who has been sick, is improving.

Uncle Frank Rymer is slowly recovering from a bilious attack.

John A. Harbison has accepted a position as salesman in the store of George Williams.

Miss Sis Hildebrand, who has been seriously sick for some time, is reported to be very low.

Mrs. Little Harrison has been sick for some days, but we are glad to say is somewhat improved at this time.

Our old friend, B. P. Rollins, is seen on the streets again after having been confined to his room for some time.

On account of the advance in the price of leather, it is necessary for me to advance on my prices for work.—J. B. Lea, the shoe man.

# LOOK

ALL GOODS SOLD FOR CASH  
OR BARTER

SEE MY PRICES BEFORE BUYING.

## J. H. LOVE